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FOLLOWING NETWORK TV REPORTING OF TRIP OCTOBER 10.

1. ABC

REASONER (20 MINUTES INTO PROGRAM): SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS ON HIS 6TH MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR A YEAR AGO. IN CAIRO TODAY HE PAID WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN A COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY, BUT THE SESSION LASTED ALMOST TWO HOURS, AN INDICATION THAT MORE THAN SMALL TALK TOOK PLACE.

KOPPEL: THIS PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE LEAST SPECTACULAR BUT MOST PROMISING WEEKS SECRETARY KISSINGER EVER SPENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WHEN HE WAS HERE LAST IN JUNE WITH FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON, THE UNITED STATES PROMISED TO SUPPLY EGYPT WITH NUCLEAR REACTORS. THAT PROMISE HAS YET UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE RATIFIED BY CONGRESS. LAST SPRING KISSINGER OFFERED

THE EGYPTIANS 250 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. BUT THE FOREIGN AID BILL IS IN TROUBLE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE EGYPTIANS SEE THAT MONEY.

KISSINGER ARRIVED HERE IN CAIRO AT THE HEIGHT OF RAMADAN, THE MOSLEM HOLY DAYS -- A TIME OF FASTING AND CONTEMPLATION DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS. HIS MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED LATE AT NIGHT. TONIGHT'S, FOR EXAMPLE, IS SCHEDULED TO RUN UNTIL AT LEAST 2:00 A.M. THE OBJECT NOW IS TO START A SECOND-STAGE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. BY THE TIME KISSINGER LEAVES THE MIDDLE EAST, HE IS EXPECTED TO HAVE SET A DATE FOR THOSE NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN. HE WILL ALSO TRY TO ARRANGE THE FORM THAT THEY WILL TAKE -- THAT IS, FACE-TO-FACE OR WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ACTING AS INTERMEDIARIES -- AND ALSO SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING FIRST THE JORDANIANS AND EVENTUALLY THE SYRIANS. THIS TRIP IS LIKELY TO BE DRAMATIC ONLY IF IT FAILS, BUT THAT HARDLY MAKES ITS SUCCESS ANY THE LESS VITAL.

2. NBC

CHANCELLOR (22 MINUTES INTO PROGRAM): SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AGAIN TODAY. KISSINGER IS IN CAIRO ON ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST PEACE MISSION, AND HE'S HOPING THE EGYPTIANS WILL HELP.

VALERIANI: AS USUAL, KISSINGER MADE CAIRO THE FIRST STOP ON HIS MIDDLE EAST SWING BECAUSE OF EGYPT'S POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE ARAB WORLD AND ITS KEY ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. AT THE AIRPORT KISSINGER SAID HE HAD COME BACK TO TALK TO HIS FRIENDS IN THE SPIRIT OF MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS. HIS BEST FRIEND HERE IS PRESIDENT SADAT, AND KISSINGER WENT TO SEE HIM AT HIS HOME IN DOWNTOWN CAIRO SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING. THEY'RE MEETING ONLY LATE AT NIGHT WHILE KISSINGER IS HERE BECAUSE HIS 36-HOUR VISIT COMES DURING RAMADAN. . . . KISSINGER'S GOAL IN THIS TRIP IS TO WORK OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GETTING ANOTHER ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS UNDER WAY. ONE MAJOR UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEM HERE IS HOW TO RECONCILE ISRAEL'S INSISTENCE THAT THE NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS WITH EGYPT'S DESIRE TO DISCUSS MORE ISRAELI TROOP WITHDRAWALS IN THE SINAI DESERT ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT. BUT KISSINGER IS REPORTEDLY CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL HAVE A FORMULA FOR PHASE TWO OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS BY THE TIME HE GETS BACK TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

3. CBS

CRONKITE (10 MINUTES INTO PROGRAM): SECRETARY OF STATE  
KISSINGER, IN CAIRO ON YET ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST PEACE-  
MAKING EFFORT, MET AGAIN TONIGHT AND FOR A LONG TIME WITH

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT. THEY PRESUMABLY CONTINUED  
DISCUSSIONS BEGUN LAST NIGHT ON THE PARTICIPANTS AND TIM-  
ING FOR THE NEXT STAGE IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE TALKS.  
KISSINGER WILL VISIT SEVEN MIDEAST COUNTRIES IN HIS  
CURRENT WEEK-LONG TOUR, ONE OF THEM, OF COURSE, ISRAEL,  
WHERE POLICE AND SOLDIERS IN OCCUPIED WEST JORDAN ARE ON  
THE LOOKOUT NOT FOR ARAB GUERRILLAS BUT JEWISH INFILTRA-  
TORS.

(CRONKITE COMMENTARY WAS FOLLOWED BY TOM FENTON FILM RE-  
PORT ON JEWISH SETTLERS' "INVATION" OF OCCUPIED WEST BANK.  
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